

Table 32.—Pupil/teacher ratios in elementary and secondary schools, by control of institution, with alternative projections: Fall 1986 to fall 2011

Year	Total	Public	Private
1986 ¹	17.4	17.7	15.7
1987 ¹	17.3	17.6	15.6
1988 ¹	17.0	17.3	15.2
1989 ²	16.7	17.2	13.8
1990 ²	16.9	17.2	14.7
1991 ²	17.0	17.3	14.9
1992 ²	17.1	17.4	14.7
1993 ²	17.0	17.4	14.6
1994 ²	17.0	17.3	14.7
1995 ³	17.0	17.3	14.9
1996 ³	16.8	17.1	14.5
1997 ³	16.5	16.8	14.2
1998 ³	16.2	16.4	14.8
1999 ³	16.0	16.1	15.2
Middle alternative projections			
2000	15.1	15.3	13.7
2001	14.9	15.1	13.5
2002	15.0	15.2	13.6
2003	15.0	15.1	13.6
2004	14.9	15.1	13.5
2005	14.9	15.1	13.5
2006	14.9	15.0	13.4
2007	14.8	15.0	13.4
2008	14.8	14.9	13.4
2009	14.6	14.8	13.3
2010	14.6	14.8	13.2
2011	14.5	14.7	13.2
Low alternative projections (Based on high alternative projections of teachers)			
2000	15.1	15.3	13.7
2001	14.9	15.1	13.5
2002	15.0	15.2	13.6
2003	14.9	15.1	13.5
2004	14.8	15.0	13.4
2005	14.9	15.1	13.5
2006	14.7	14.9	13.3
2007	14.7	14.9	13.3
2008	14.7	14.9	13.3
2009	14.6	14.7	13.2
2010	14.5	14.7	13.2
2011	14.4	14.6	13.1
High alternative projections (Based on low alternative projections of teachers)			
2000	15.1	15.3	13.7
2001	14.9	15.1	13.5
2002	15.0	15.2	13.6
2003	14.9	15.1	13.5
2004	14.8	15.0	13.4
2005	14.9	15.1	13.5
2006	14.9	15.1	13.5
2007	14.8	15.0	13.4
2008	14.8	15.0	13.5
2009	14.8	14.9	13.4
2010	14.7	14.9	13.4
2011	14.7	14.9	13.4

¹ Private school numbers are estimated on the basis on past data.

² Private school teacher numbers are from the Early Estimates survey and private school enrollment numbers are from the Private School Universe Survey.

³ Private school numbers are projected or interpolated.

NOTE: The pupil/teacher ratios were derived from tables 2 and 31. Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Projections are based on data through 1999. Mean absolute percentage errors of selected education statistics can be found in table A2.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Statistics of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools*; Common Core of Data surveys; Private School Universe Survey, various years; *Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Education Statistics, Early Estimates*; and Elementary and Secondary Teacher Model. (This table was prepared June 2001.)